

REMARKS

According to the foregoing the claims are amended.

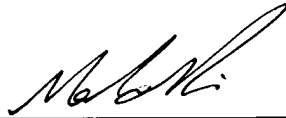
In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.312 and in view of MPEP 714.16 guidance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment because: (1) the amendment is directed to formal matters by, for example, correcting minor errors introduced during prosecution in the Examiner Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 25, 2005; (2) the amendment does not alter the scope of the claim; and (3) the amendment does not require additional search or examination. No new matter has been added in this Amendment. Therefore entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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